

Serial Number_____

TIMING LIMITATION STIPULATION

No surface use is allowed within winter and spring range for sage grouse during the following time period:

December 1 through May 15

This stipulation does not apply to the operation and maintenance of production facilities.

On the lands described below:

For the purpose of:

Protection of sage grouse winter range from disturbance during the winter/spring season, and to facilitate long-term maintenance of wildlife populations.

Any changes to this stipulation will be made in accordance with the land use plan and/or the regulatory provisions for such changes.

Exception: An exception to this stipulation may be granted by the authorized officer, in consultation with the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), if the operator submits a plan that demonstrates that impacts from the proposed action are minimal or can be adequately mitigated.

Modification: The boundaries of the stipulated area may be modified if the authorized officer determines that portions of the area no longer contain sage grouse winter/spring range. The dates for the timing restriction may be modified if new information indicates that the December 1 through May 15 dates are not valid for the leasehold.

Waiver: This stipulation may be waived if the authorized officer determines that the entire leasehold no longer contains sage grouse winter/spring range or, if in coordination with the FWP and FWS, determines that the area is not critical for sage grouse.

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